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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
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SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION GRANTS**

This is to inform you that the Department of Public Health (DPH) will submit an application for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), *Community Transformation Grant* (CTG). On May 13, 2011, the CDC announced the CTG Program with the focus of "preventing heart attack, strokes, cancer, and other leading causes of death and disability through evidence and practice-based policy, environmental, programmatic, and infrastructural changes in states, large counties, tribes, and territories." The funding must support interventions that address tobacco-free living, healthy eating and active living, and improved access to clinical preventive services, with a required focus on the prevention and control of high blood pressure. The funding may also be used to promote social and emotional wellness, and healthy and safe environments. The funding may *not* be used for direct services or research.

The funding comes from the Public Health and Prevention Fund of the federal Affordable Care Act. The grant period is for five years, beginning in the fall of 2011. A total of \$102 million is available in the first year of the program to support up to 75 awards. Eligible applicants include states, local governments, nonprofit organizations, territories, and tribal consortia. Applicants can apply for one of two tracks: capacity building or implementation.

DPH will apply for the implementation track in the state/large county (500,000 or more population) category. The approximate funding range for this track and category is \$500,000 to \$10 million for year one. The funding levels in future years will depend on the availability of funds. At least 50% of the funding must be distributed to external partners, including other public agencies, community organizations, schools, and other stakeholders.

The CDC will accept multiple applications from a given jurisdiction; however, they will only fund one applicant in each jurisdiction. Given our experience as a CDC *Communities Putting Prevention to Work* grantee and the funding announcement's emphasis on proposals that have a jurisdiction-wide reach, DPH is well-positioned to be the lead applicant for Los Angeles County.

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A letter of intent is required by June 3, 2011, and the full application is due by September 15, 2011. In the next several days, we will establish a link on the DPH main website for interested parties to learn more about the CTG program. We will also develop opportunities for stakeholders to provide input into the planning process. Given the very short timeframe to prepare the proposal, this will likely include focused meetings with key partners and a web-based tool for others to provide input.

Please let me know if you have questions or would like additional information.

c: Chief Executive Officer  
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